



The Cape and Islands Orchid Society

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society & Orchid Digest Corp.

Next meeting: Sunday October 16, 2011 at 1:30 PM at
THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1220 Nathan Ellis Hwy, (Rt. 151) East Falmouth MA 02536 (White fences on North side of Hwy.)

The October Meeting: *The CAIOS Orchid Auction, Part One*
and

Workshop “Growing Tips, Topics and Tricks of the Trade”

The Auction is our major fundraiser for the year, but this month CAIOS presents a medium sized **Auction** of budded or blooming plants with another **Auction** at the December Solstice foodfest. Thus, two short plant buying sprees rather than one lengthy one. Its nice to get and give in December too! Members wishing to donate blooming or budded (or very unique) plants should bring them in at Auction time. No lists in the Newsletter though. Support your Society, Come and **BID!** Bring your Friends!

The **Workshop**, Tips and Tricks etc. will be by members, focusing on “the Doctor Is In” and winterizing of plants. For that purpose, all are invited to bring in a problem plant for diagnosis and repotting if necessary. We will have some samples to dissect and limited potting supplies. The **other** topic is tips and tricks for indoor home culture dealing with plants coming into the low humidity winter home.

No Show table; Members A-L please load calories into platters for the starving.

The **Library** is now reorganized and as President Gail said:

“...my orchid education began from the ground up, using the CAIOS library.....The tapes and books did, in fact, lay a very good foundation. They continue to answer my questions today, and to give pleasure in their expertise and artistry. I admit that I do go to the computer now, but many of our books are “golden oldies” and most don’t exist on the computer. The entire CAIOS library will be on exhibit during our October meetings. Look into our library’s broad offerings as well as into your own interests. I think you’ll be pleasantly surprised. Sign out a few items for autumn perusing.”

CAIOS thanks Jean Stefanik for her admirable presentation of the Angraecums, those white starry Madagascar moth pollinated beauties. Equally good slide shows are almost exactly what can be seen monthly at the American Orchid Society Judging in S. Boylston.

Some of Ovid Slavins framed 19th Century Orchid prints are still for sale and a good sample will be on display. These rare prints were copper engraved, or lithographed or etched, mostly hand colored, pages from the history of early orchid description. They have much charm as well as artistic value and have simple matting and metal frames. Prices are negotiable and the proceeds benefit the Slavin Awards for the CAIOS Show.

Connecticut Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale “Orchid Harvest” October 21~23, 2011 AT - Van Wilgen’s Garden Center, 51 Valley Road, North Branford, CT -- An AOS judged and sanctioned event, orchid plants and merchandise vendors, educational lectures, junior orchid growers booth and much more. \$5.00 admission Fri, Oct. 21 2:00 pm—5:00 pm. Sat, Oct. 22 9:00 am — 5:00 pm, Sun, Oct. 23 9:00 am — 4:00 pm **Yr Ed.**, Tom Gregg is requesting good plants by Wed., Oct. 19 for the CAIOS Exhibit Thursday Set up - 508 540-2054

Massachusetts Orchid Society presents its annual Show & Sale, “A New England Rain Forest”

Friday Nov. 4th: 1pm-5pm Saturday Nov. 5th: 9am-5pm and Sunday, Nov. 6th: 9am-4pm at Tower Hill Botanic Garden (Directions below). -- Join the MOS for exhibits of blooming orchids, potting demos, educational sessions, hourly plant raffles and sales of orchids and supplies. Free to THBGarden and MOS members & free as well as children under six <http://www.massorchid.org/showCAIOS> is going! Its fun to help. **Contact** Tina Balog 508 540-5006 to help and/or supply plants

Radiata Bark is Still here! The New Zealand *Pinus radiata* Orchid Bark, "Orchiata", is now at Yr Editor's home and is available at its cost of \$25 per 1 ½ cu. ft/ bag. Gallon sized bags will be for sale for \$5.00 at this and other meetings.

Four sizes –

- #1. "Classic" 1/4", probably best for fine rooted plants like *Miltonia*, *Oncidia*,
- #2." "Power" ¼-1/2", Small Catts, large rooted orchids
- #3. "Power Plus" ½-3/4" Large plants
- #4. "Super" 1". Vanda, Phals with a wisp of peat or sphagnum

Mixing with perlite and some charcoal may be good culture for some plants

The best sizes seem to be the #'s 2. And # 3. Various members are trying it out . It seems to be very rot resistant and long lived, but is new to all of us. Read up on it on Google- <http://besgrow.com/orchiata> and give it a try and Yr. Ed a call. FAQ about the white powder on the bark:

Question: There is white powder on my Orchiata

Answer: This is dolomite (calcium magnesium) which we(besgrow) apply to Orchiata in the final stages of production. This is beneficial for your plant (see What is dolomite?); if you see this do not wash it out.

Read more: <http://www.tortoiseforum.org/Thread-Radiated-s-new-orchid-bark-substrate#ixzz1a0f9g0uz>

Remember! American Orchid Society Judging(The Northeast Regional Judging Center) is held Monthly, on first Saturdays at the TOWER HILL BOTANICAL GARDEN, BOYLSTON, MASS, NEAR WORCESTER. At 10:30 AM there are student or member presentations. Lunch is Brown bag or deli sandwich (nearby farm stand) or good cafe with view at the Garden. Afternoon, see/join AOS judging. Learn to speak orchid! by listening.

See and walk the beautiful grounds, gorgeous views, Autumn leaves, no floods, big Orangerie and new Limonea Greenhouses! garden/gift store.–under 2 hours from Falmouth- Rt. 495N to Rt. 290W, off at Center/Churchill St, go Right, nearly to end, Sign on Rt, free, just say "Orchids" at gate. (11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505 - 508 869-6111)

Severall members went on Oct.1 and heard a fine lecture on *Lycastes*, schmoozed and dined with friendly judges. One CAIOS members' plant was carefully screened but didn't represent an improvement over prior awards for that clone.

AND-- The Center will bring, on request, a complete team to CAIOS for real judging of our plants. CAIOS plans to do this in 2012 or 2013. Members thus see how orchids earn those CCM, CHM, CBR, HCC, AM, & FCC initials that decorate the labels of so many nice flowers. The judges are enthusiastic about this.

Go to Tower Hill some First Saturday and you'll be impressed how seriously they take their work. It's fun and impressive! Ask to go with Yr. Ed(Tom G). as he goes fairly often.

Motto 2.0 *Orchids have been known to proliferate uncontrollably in remote places; such localities where disorganized enthusiasts are in charge of their beauteous photosynthesis.* (after the famous worst sentence) *

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Finally the CAIOS SHOW. The Schedule; Set up venue --Wed Jan. 25, 2012, Stage exhibits -- Thursday Jan 26., Judging and "Dinner among the Orchids" Friday Jan. 27 , and open to the public Jan 28,29. Join the fun and work and be proud of your lovely result. Call heroic Show Chair Tina and sign up to help, number above.

* *"It was a dark and stormy night; the rain fell in torrents--except at occasional intervals, when it was checked by a violent gust of wind which swept up the streets (for it is in London that our scene lies), rattling along the housetops, and fiercely agitating the scanty flame of the lamps that struggled against the darkness."* --Edward George Bulwer-Lytton, *Paul Clifford* (1830)